

rely on language to a large extent to communicate with themselves.

By manipulating and comparing word signs or mental images in new and novel arrangements the results can be mentally transposed out onto an imaginary subjective universe for the purpose of setting courses of action which will likely achieve a desired end.

The human consciousness:

- * Senses the objective universe
- * Filters the results of the sensory mean of the objective universe
- * Re-presents the objective universe as a subjective re-presentation to the ego (the I which views)
- * Assigns symbols to divide the subjective universe
- * Rearranges the subjective symbols in order to form a new configuration of the subjective universe conforming to the desires of the ego
- * Reenacts the symbolic manipulations of the subjective universe out onto the objective universe through physical means, thereby affecting the desired change in the objective universe

Emotions enter into this process by reacting to certain configurations of the subjective universe which trigger their activation. The activation of an emotion can then alter the desired outcome necessitating a further rearrangement of the subjective universe before objective physical action is taken.

The Subconscious Mind

If the human mind were to be viewed in the shape of a pyramid the consciousness would occupy only the summit. The ego represents only a very small fraction of the total mind. Almost the entire mind operates subconsciously, that is, outside of the sphere of conscious awareness.

The conscious mind is not a separate mind in its own right. The conscious mind is the creation,

evolution, or projection of the subconscious mind to better allow the human organism to survive in a sometimes hostile physical world. But though the conscious mind is not separate from the unconscious mind it can in certain circumstances dominate the totality of the mind much as a dictator might dominate a subjected population. This is one of the underlying principals of magick: to cause effective magickal change in the objective universe a magician must unify his will. Total unification of the will means a temporary alliance between the ego and all of the elements of the subconscious directed toward a singular purpose.

Total unification of the will is extraordinarily difficult. Fortunately, total unification of the will is not always necessary to perform magickal acts. In many cases partial unity will suffice to cause willed change in the objective universe. Only the highest magickal acts require complete unification of the will.

The subconscious mind is a massive structure containing numerous thoughts, personalities, desires, memetic structures, emotions, instincts, powers, and many other elements scientists have yet to name. None of the structures is physical. The realm of the subconscious is an entirely mental construct. But because the ego can only perceive symbolic structures, any conscious contact with the unconscious realm will be perceived by the ego as symbolic physical representations of that which is not physical in nature. Therefore, since spirits (entities within the unconscious) are not physical in nature they can only be perceived through the symbols in which they make themselves manifest.

The various elements of the subconscious realm struggle amongst themselves for control of the greater mind and the ego. In most cases the ego functions as a simple robotic initiator of willed actions arising from the subconscious. This is analogous to memetic programming. The ego thinks it is acting of its own free will when in reality it is responding to the manipulations of some subconscious force, or entity. It is only in the rare moments when an ego frees itself from memetic influence that it is able to make its own decisions. These moments